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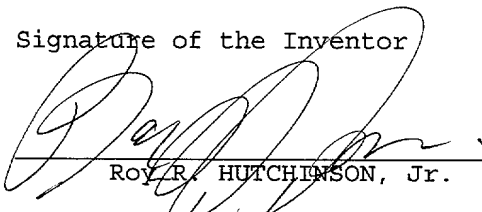
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DECLARATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I verily believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the invention entitled: "HULL AND GUNNEL PROTECTOR FOR USE WITH TROLLING MOTORS" which is described and claimed in the attached specification;

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification including the claims;

I do not know and do not believe that the invention was ever known or used in the United States of America before my or our invention thereof;

I do not know and do not believe that the invention was ever patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application;

I do not know and do not believe that the invention was in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application;

I acknowledge my duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 CFR §1.56(a);

the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to this application; and,

as to applications for patents or inventor's certificates on the invention filed in any country foreign to the United States of America, prior to this application by me or my legal representatives or assigns.

☒ no such applications have been filed, or

☐ such applications have been filed as follows:

EARLIEST FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY, FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS PRIOR TO THIS APPLICATION

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Date Of Filing</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Priority Claimed</u> <u>Under 35 USC 119</u>
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Serial or Patent No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Docket  
Filed or Issued: \_\_\_\_\_ No.: H-00-0896-U.1  
For: "HULL AND GUNNEL PROTECTOR FOR USE WITH TROLLING MOTORS"

VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY  
STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(b)) - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled same as "For" above, described in

- (X) the specification filed herewith.  
( ) application serial no. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.  
( ) patent no. \_\_\_\_\_, issued \_\_\_\_\_.

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

Each person, concern, or organization to which I have assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed or am under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights in the invention is listed below:

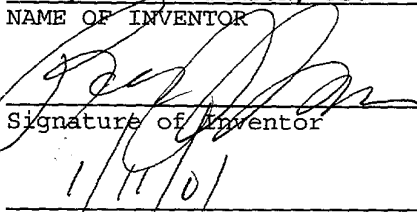
- (X) no such person, concern or organization.  
( ) persons, concerns or organizations listed below:\*

\*NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27).

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I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b)).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issued thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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